

**Senate Medicaid Committee**

**May 14, 2015**

**Interested Party Testimony on House Bill 64**

Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Member Cafaro, and Members of the Senate Medicaid Committee. Thank you for allowing me offer testimony on House Bill 64, the main operating budget, and more specifically Section 5123.032, which establishes a review board to assess the closure of a developmental centers. This section of the budget could potentially keep the doors of the Youngstown Developmental Center open.

This is on behalf of my daughter, who doesn't have a voice. Tamera is deaf and legally blind, and retarded. She can't speak for herself, so I her mother and guardian have to. This is the best place for her to live; she lived in a group home before living at Youngstown Developmental. It was a terrible situation, she didn't fit in, and the care was terrible. YDC is her home, and she loves it and she hates change. Please keep her home open for her and all those who live at YDC. The care is the best, she loves her caregivers. She needs the 24-7 care that she gets here. She won't get that care at another facility. Please I beg you, keep my daughter's home open, and make her life a better one. Don't break my child's heart, as she loves her home. I could go on and on, but it's simple, keep YDC OPEN.

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